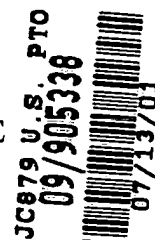


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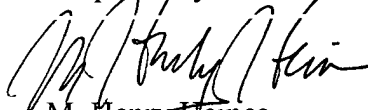
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the related patent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/302,920 filed April 30, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Applicants respectfully request that the references supplied in compliance with 37 CFR 1.87 in the above-referenced parent application, as well as those cited during its examination,, be made of record. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, as well as the PTO Form 1449 filed in the parent application is attached. Copies of the documents will be found in the above-referenced parent application.

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The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report issued in the corresponding PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and

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